

# **QVH: A brief history in pictures**

## **1863 - 1963**

A collection of photographs from the  
first 100 years of our hospital's  
distinguished heritage



## East Grinstead Cottage Hospital, founded 1863

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## The Cottage Hospital moves, 1888

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## The Cottage Hospital becomes the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, 1902

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## The Queen Victoria Cottage Hospital, built 1936

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## **‘Peanut’ children’s ward, 1936**

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## **‘Dewer’ female ward, 1937**

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## ‘Kindersley’ male ward, 1937

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## **Sir Archibald McIndoe, Plastic Surgeon (1900-1960)**

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## Sir Archibald McIndoe with his 'Guinea Pigs'

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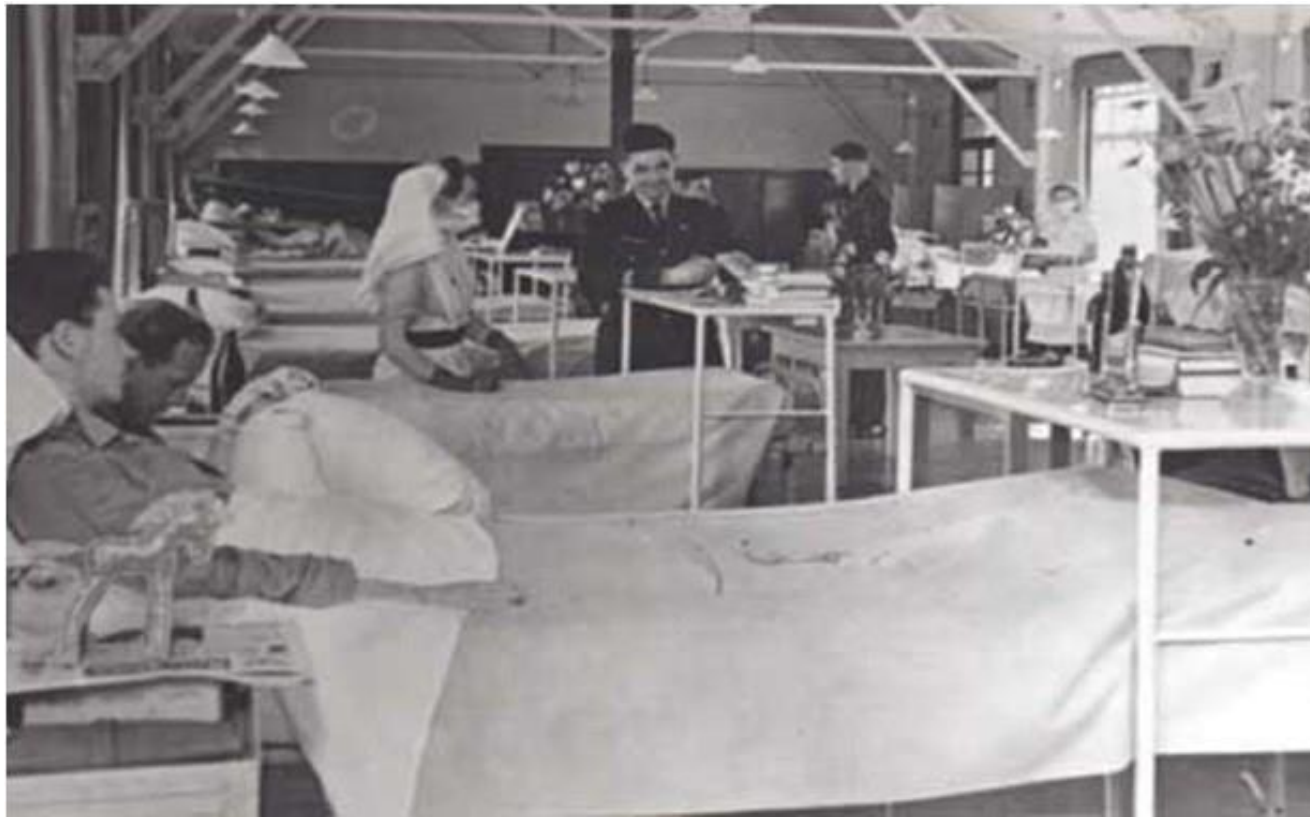
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## Sir Archibald McIndoe in the Guinea Pig Pub

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## Ward 3 – home to the Guinea Pigs

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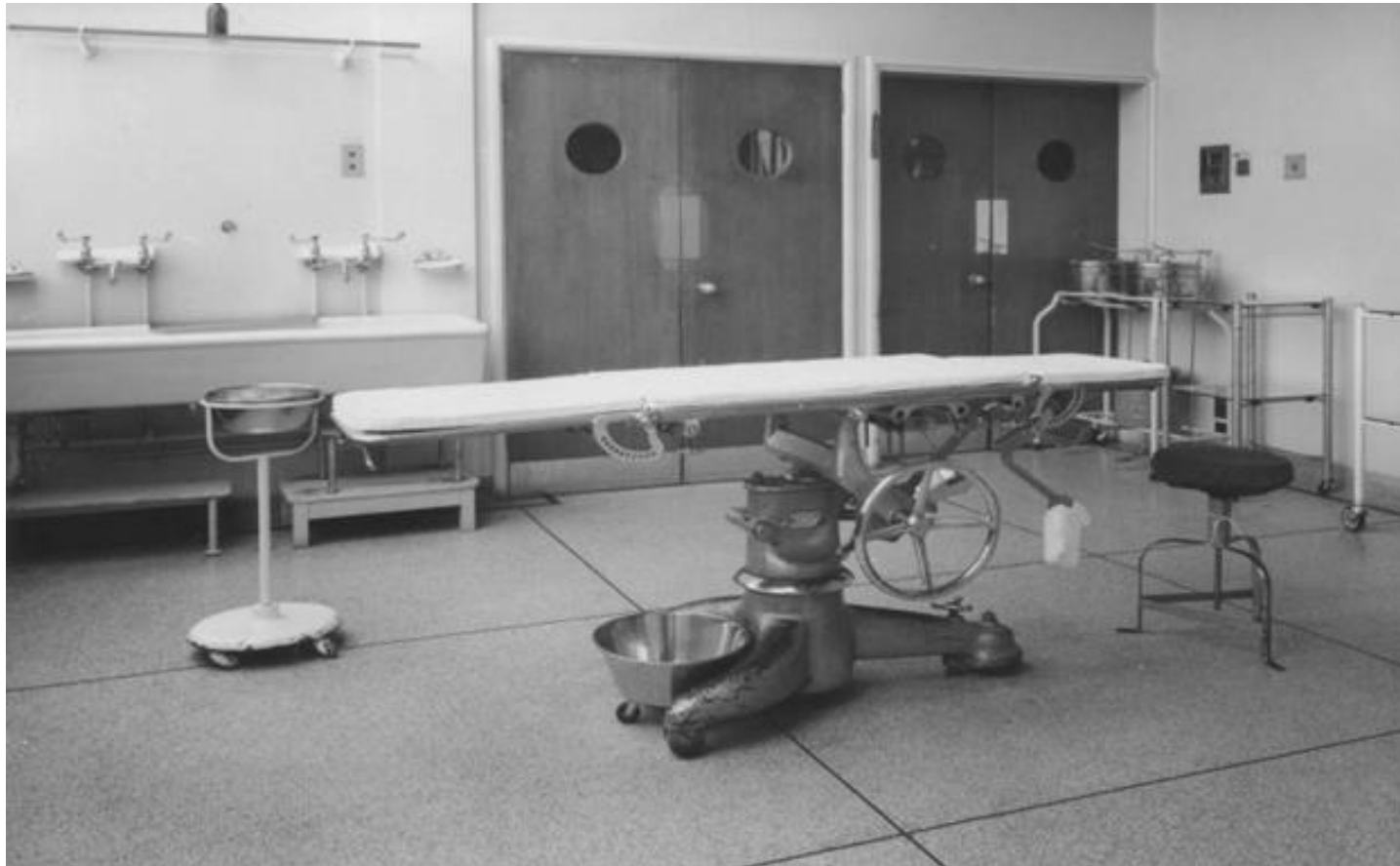


## Guinea Pig patients with 'pedicles'

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## Hospital operating theatre, 1937

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## Ward 1, 1942

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## Ward 2, 1942

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## Canadian Wing, built 1944

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## American Wing, built 1946

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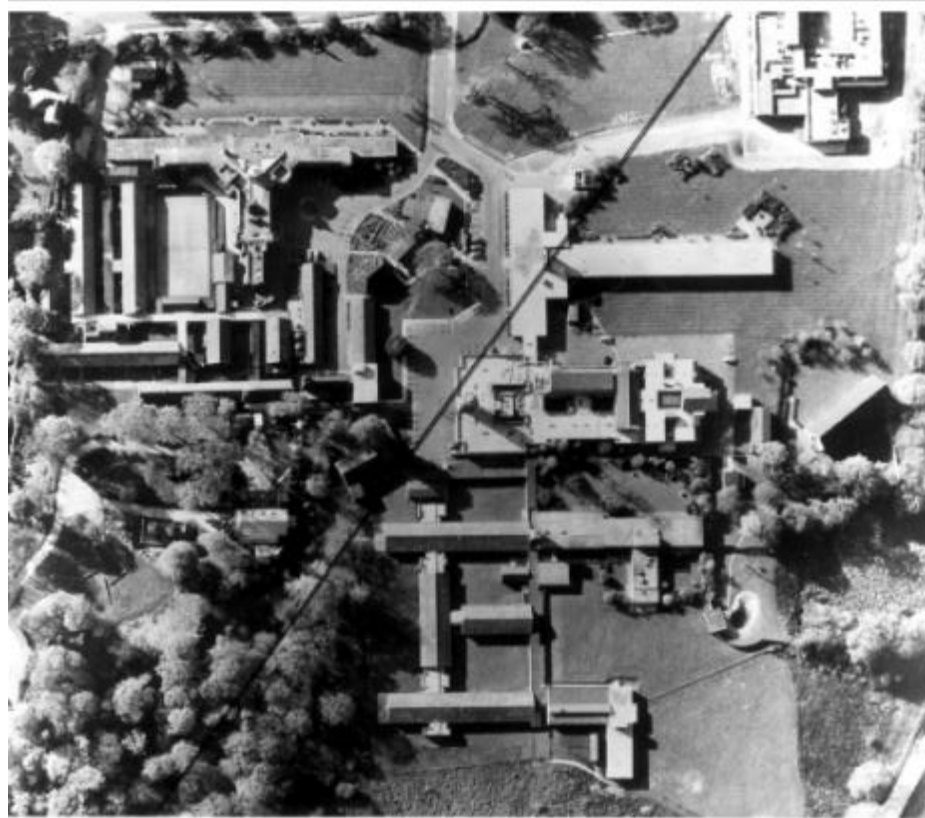


## Centenary celebrations with Hospital Patron HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, 1963

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**Interesting fact: the Meridian line passes  
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